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Disposition of Claims			
4) ☐ Claim(s) 21-28 and 35-37 is/are pending in the 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrav 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) 21-28 and 35-37 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	vn from consideration.		
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed in this application after appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, but prior to a decision on the appeal. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the appeal has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 and prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 22, 2004 has been entered. Thus, the previous rejection is withdrawn pursuant to Applicant's amendment and REMARKS. Applicant cancelled claims 1-20 and 29-34.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 21-28 and 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 21, lines 1-2, "network recreation environment" is not clear as to its meaning.

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3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 21-28 and 35-37, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engstrom et al., US 6,463,078 in view of Faris et al., US 6,659,861.

Engstrom discloses a game system for terminals to interact in a network recreation environment, e.g. col. 2, lines 35-67; Fig. 3, cols. 6-7, 10-11, with users, 20, 22, 24; col. 16, lines where a function, i.e. "GetPlayerCaps," retrieves a players connection speeds, in a virtual location, col. 7, lines 40-49; Fig. 4B. Engstrom does not specifically disclose the terms "implementing a delay time" as recited from claim 21. However, Engstrom discloses alternative protocols, e.g. cols. 17-18, and a latency issue, e.g. col. 21, col. 28, lines 51-67.

Faris discloses a global gaming system comprising latency, i.e. delay time issues, for providing time and space stamped responses.

To have provided a delay time in the transmission of messages for simulating transmission delays in a game, i.e. recreation environment, would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Faris. The motivation for doing such would have been to incorporate common knowledge time and space responses in a game

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environment. Regarding the particulars of the dependent claims to have provided such common knowledge would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, e.g. claim 22, inputting a name of a proximate city from a list of cities.

4. Further references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 703-308-7808. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P. Olszewski can be reached on 703-308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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